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MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS,
ORGANIZES NEW SECTIONS

By order of the Minister of the Chemical Industry, M. G. Pervukhin, on 23 April, the following persons were confirmed as members of the Presidium of the Technical Council of the Ministry: Chairman -- B. D. Mel'nik, Vice-Minister of the Chemical Industry; Vice-Chairman -- Academician V. M. Rodionov, Vice-President of the All-Union Chemical Society imeni D. I. Mendeleev; Prof V. S. Kiselev, Head of the Technical Administration of the Moscow Chemical Industry; and Prof A. N. Planovskiy; and Scientific Secretary of the Council -- I. K. Zamarayev.

In addition to these, to make up the Plenum of the Council, are: A. I. Brodskiy, Active Member of the Academy of Sciences Ukrainian SSR; Prof S. G. Gorbachev, Assistant Director of the Moscow Chemical Technology Institute imeni Mendeleev; N. V. Kul'chitskiy, chief of the Production Department of Basic Chemistry of the Technical Administration of the Ministry of Chemical Industry.

Prof A. I. Lazarev, Scientific Secretary, of the All-Union Chemical Society imeni Mendeleev; I. A. Moshkin, chief of the NIIEZ laboratory; A. Ya. Ryabenko, chief of "Glavazota"; Prof Ya. K. Syrkin, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences USSR; G. V. Uvarov, Chief Engineer of "Glavanilprom"; Prof I. P. Uryukin, Chair Head of the Moscow Institute of Chemical Machine Building; Academician A. N. Frumkin, and others.

Sections of the Technical Council have also been filled with important scientific researchers and highly qualified specialists from industry.

Two new sections have been organized within the Council: the industrial physicochemical problems section (Chairman, Prof Ya. K. Syrkin; Scientific Secretary, Ye. Ya. Rubina) and the instrumentation, automatization, and mechanization of processes section (Chairman, Ye. I. Bomshteyn; Scientific Secretary, N. A. Stroganov). The industrial physicochemical problems section is confronted with the task of aiding in the solution of important problems in industry and in scientific-research institutes of the Ministry and introducing new technical accomplishments from the field of physical chemistry into industry. The instrumentation,

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automatization, and mechanization section must solve problems connected with (1) supplying industry with up-to-date forms of industrial equipment, (2) progressive organization of processes, and (3) rational exploitation of equipment at enterprises of the Ministry of the Chemical Industry.

The chairmen and scientific secretaries of technological sections in the new Council are: 1) basic chemical industry section -- Chairman, S. D. Stupnikov; Scientific Secretary, I. S. Mitropol'skiy; 2) bonded nitrogen section -- Chairman, N. V. Kul'chitskiy; Scientific Secretary, M. D. Medved'; 3) electrochemistry and electrothermics section -- Chairman, L. S. Genin; Scientific Secretary, D. N. Zhuykov; 4) mineral resources section -- Chairman, A. V. Kazakov; Scientific Secretary, K. A. Afanas'yev; 5) basic organic synthesis section -- Chairman, A. E. Plonovskiy; Scientific Secretary, N. M. Putov; 6) intermediate products, dyes, lacquers, paints, and plastics section -- Chairman, V. S. Kiselev; Scientific Secretary, I. I. Levenshteyn.

The fundamental tasks to be completed by the technological sections are: 1) defining the Five-Year Plan more accurately in problems of organizing new production (developing new forms of production, studying problems of distribution of raw materials, and placing of orders); 2) discussion and clarification of scientific-research works in connection with the establishment of five-year plans; and 3) work on the implementation of capital construction called for in the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

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